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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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United States District of Texas
Southern District of Texas

for the

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Southern District of Texas

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United States of America)

v.)

CONRAD ALVIN BARRETT)

Case No. CA-H-13mj 1241

Defendant(s)

CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, the complainant in this case, state that the following is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

On or about the date(s) of November 24, 2013 in the county of Fort Bend in the
Southern District of Texas, the defendant(s) violated:

*Code Section**Offense Description*

Title 18, United States Code,
Section 249(a)(1)

willfully caused bodily injury to R.C. who is African-American, because of
R.C.'s actual and perceived race and color.

This criminal complaint is based on these facts:

facts related in the affidavit attached hereto and made a part of this complaint.

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Complainant's signature

Alfred T. Tribble, Jr./Special Agent FBI

Printed name and title

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence.

Date: 12/24/2013

Judge's signature

City and state: Houston, Texas

Frances H. Stacy, U.S. Magistrate Judge

Printed name and title

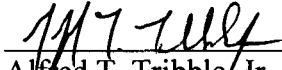
AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF CRIMINAL COMPLAINT

I, Alfred T. Tribble, Jr., being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I am a Special Agent (SA), employed by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), where I have been employed for the past 22 years. As part of my duties, I investigate federal hate crime violations. The facts and information outlined in this affidavit result from a joint investigation conducted by the FBI, the City of Fulshear Police Department, the City of Katy Police Department, and the Drug Enforcement Administration. The information in this affidavit is based upon my personal knowledge of the events set forth herein, and information provided to me by other law enforcement personnel, cooperating individuals and other sources of information. Due to this affidavit being submitted for the limited purposes of obtaining a complaint and arrest warrant, I do not include every fact known to me or other law enforcement personnel concerning this investigation, but set forth only those facts that I believe are necessary to establish probable cause.
2. On November 24, 2013, Conrad Alvin Barrett ("Barrett"), a 27-year-old Caucasian man, approached a couple at a restaurant in Fulshear, Texas. The couple, a male and female, had never seen Barrett before. The male witness was an off-duty Arson Investigator and peace officer for the City of Katy. Barrett asked the couple if they had heard of the "knockout game." Barrett told the couple that he had played the "knockout game" the same day in Katy, Texas.
3. The "knockout game" is an assault in which an assailant aims to "knockout" an unsuspecting victim with one punch. This conduct has been called other names, and there have been similar incidents dating as far back as 1992.
4. After telling the couple that he had played the "knockout game," Barrett pulled out his cell phone and showed a video to them. The video was shot from the point of view of the person holding the phone. The video does not show the face of the person holding the phone, but it does show the legs and shoes of the person. The off-duty investigator noticed that the video showed a man with shorts and brown loafers and that Barrett was wearing the same. The off-duty investigator also noticed that the voice on the video matched Barrett's voice. The person holding the phone, Barrett, stops his vehicle, walks over to someone, and says, "How's it going, man?" The video pans upward to show the victim, an elderly African American man. Barrett then gets closer to the victim, a loud smack is heard, and the victim falls to the ground. Barrett laughs, says "knockout," and then flees in his vehicle.
5. After seeing the video, the couple immediately left the restaurant and saw a uniformed police officer across the street. The couple flagged down Fulshear Police Department Officer Michael McCoy and informed Officer McCoy of what they had seen. When Barrett walked outside the restaurant towards his vehicle, the couple pointed Barrett out to Officer McCoy.

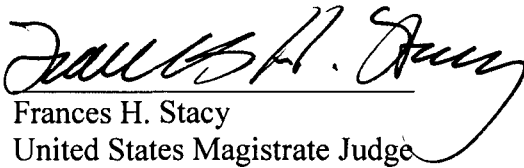
6. Officer McCoy approached Barrett and asked him if he had shown a video on his cell phone to the couple. Barrett said he had, and Officer McCoy asked to see the same video. Barrett showed Officer McCoy a video that was different than the one the couple had described.
7. Officer McCoy then confiscated Barrett's phone and told Barrett that he had confessed to an assault to an off-duty peace officer. Officer McCoy informed Barrett that the phone possessed evidence of a crime and Barrett left the area.
8. On December 2, 2013, Officer McCoy obtained a search warrant for Barrett's cell phone in Fort Bend County.
9. On December 6, 2013, an Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration retrieved the cell phone video described by the off-duty investigator as well as ten other videos recorded on November 24, 2013. On the video described by the off-duty investigator, Barrett states: "The plan is to see if I were to hit a black person, would this be nationally televised?" Barrett also states that he was not going to hit "defenseless people," just moments before finding and striking the victim.
10. In another video, Barrett says, "This is Conrad." In other videos, Barrett uses the word "nigger" and states that African Americans "haven't fully experienced the blessing of evolution." In another video, Barrett is driving around the Katy Mills Mall parking lot, and he states that he is trying to work up the "courage" to play the "knockout game." Barrett also states that he has been trying to work up the courage for the past week. Barrett can also be heard in a video saying he has "found the perfect African American suspect," but then he appears to change his mind.
11. On December 6, 2013, Fulshear's Chief of Police Kenny Seymour identified the victim as R.C., a 79-year-old African American man. R.C. stated that he had been assaulted by a man on November 24, 2013, as R.C. was walking down the street.
12. On November 25, 2013, due to the pain he suffered as a result of the assault, R.C. went to Memorial Hermann Katy Hospital for treatment. R.C. was diagnosed with two jaw fractures and had to undergo surgery to insert two metal plates in his jaw and remove three teeth. R.C. was hospitalized for approximately four days.

13. Based upon the above information, I have probable cause to believe that Conrad Alvin Barrett has violated Title 18, U.S.C. § 249(a)(1), in that on or about November 24, 2013, he willfully caused bodily injury to the victim, who is African American, because of the victim's actual and perceived race and color.



Alfred T. Tribble, Jr.
Special Agent,
Federal Bureau of Investigation

Signed and sworn to before me this 24th day of December, 2013, at Houston, Texas and I find probable cause.



Frances H. Stacy
United States Magistrate Judge